



NOAA Dredging Synergy Initiative

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Briefing for the Senior Management Council



April 26, 1999

Purposes

Improved Stewardship of Coastal Resources

Enhanced Coordination of NOS Activities

Higher Visibility for NOS

Healthier, More Abundant Trust Resources

Better Constituent Relationships and Support



Improved Congressional Support

NOAA Roles

Natural Resource Trustee

Coastal Stewardship

Coastal and Ocean Management

Safe Navigation

Scientific/Technical Expertise



NOAA Capabilities

NATIONAL OCEAN SERVICE

OCRM, ORR, OCS, NGS, NCCOS, CO-OPS, CSC, SPO

**Coastal Management
Federal Consistency
State Partnerships
Protected Areas
Restoration
Response
Charting/Hydrography**

**Spatial Reference Systems
Oceanographic Products -- PORTS
Information Tools
New Technologies
Program Integration
Scientific Expertise
Coastal Assessments**

NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE

Habitat Protection, Protected Resources, Science Centers, Field Offices

**Restoration
Habitat Protection -- EFH
Permit Reviews
Species Protection -- ESA**

**Fisheries Management
Marine Ecosystems Restoration
Regional Representation
Marine Research**



Progress

**NOS Dredging Synergy Initiative
(Summer 1998 - Present)**

**NOAA Multi-Office Dredging Meeting
(5/98)**

**NOS Participation on Regional Dredging Teams
(1998 - Present)**

**National Dredging Team Formed: NOS and NMFS
Represent NOAA (1994)**

**Interagency Working Group Issues an Action Plan for
Improving the Dredging Process (1994)**



Activities and Products

NATIONAL AND REGIONAL DREDGING TEAMS

National Dredging Team (OCRM, NMFS)

Great Lakes Regional Dredging Team (ORR)

Western Gulf of Mexico Regional Dredging Team (OCRM)

DREDGING & COASTAL MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

Improve Intergovernmental Coordination

Improve Advanced Project Planning

Increase Funding for Beneficial Uses

Increase Scientific Understanding of Beneficial Uses



Activities and Products

CZ '99 DREDGING SESSIONS

National Dredging Team Sponsored
Strong NOAA Representation

LANDS LEGACY INITIATIVE

Coastal Dredging & Restoration -- \$10 million for FY2000
Coastal Communities -- \$28 million for FY2000

DREDGING & RESTORATION PILOT PROJECT



Activities and Products

NOAA DREDGING ACTION GROUP

NOAA DREDGING FRAMEWORK

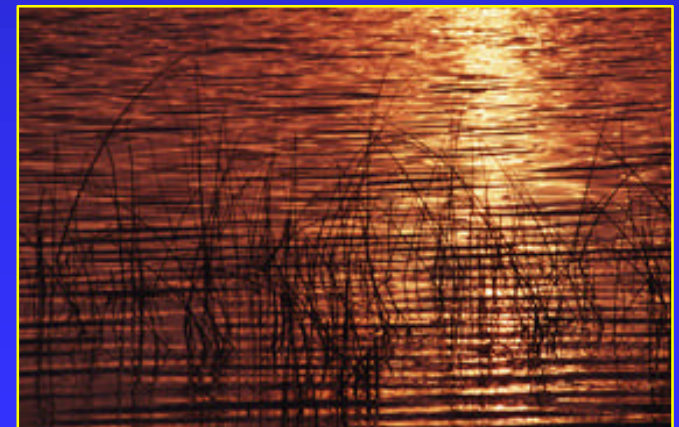
NOAA DREDGING RESOURCES DOCUMENT



FY2000 Lands Legacy Initiative **Coastal Dredging and Restoration**

GOAL

To incorporate natural resource protection and restoration priorities into more effective and streamlined dredging decisions.



FY2000 Lands Legacy Initiative

Coastal Dredging and Restoration

APPROACH

- T Build on partnerships and improve coordination by co-locating field dredging coordinators with decision-makers.**
- T Provide scientific and technical support for restoration and dredging decisions.**
- T Use at least 50% of funds to leverage broader restoration.**
- T Coordinate with other Lands Legacy Initiatives.**



FY2000 Lands Legacy Initiative Coastal Dredging and Restoration

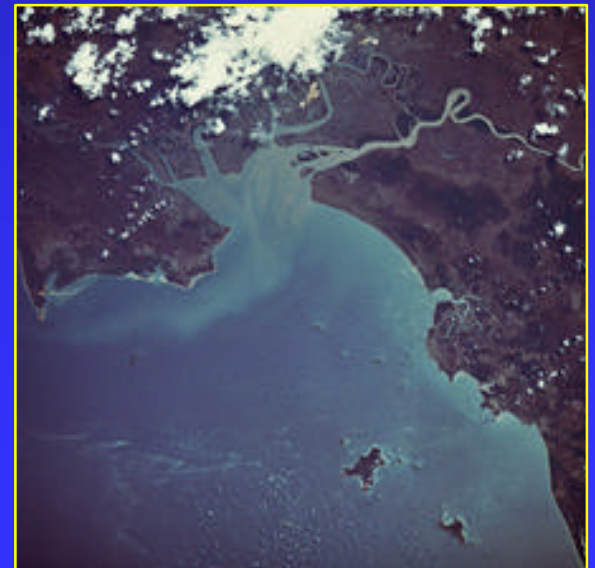
COORDINATION

Federal Partners

Coastal Managers

Industry Partners

Environmental Groups



Lands Legacy Pilot Project

GOAL

To help frame implementation of the Lands Legacy Initiative beginning in FY99 with existing resources.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Incremental -- Build on experience and opportunity

Coordinated -- Work closely with NOAA components

Inclusive -- Work closely with external partners/constituents

Experimental -- Try innovative approaches



Lands Legacy Pilot Project

SITE SELECTION FACTORS

Commitment from state and local partners

Identified issues related to dredging

Focused issues where success can be realized quickly

Existing planning framework

Ability for NOAA to “add value”



Synergy Project Completion

T Complete NOAA Dredging Framework

T Activate NOAA Dredging Action Group

T Publish NOAA Dredging Resource Document

**T Move Forward with Implementation of a
Coordinated NOAA Dredging Program**

